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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: AUGUST 31 WORKING GROUP MEETING

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1. AT AUG 31 WG MEETING, JAPAN, UK, AUSTRALIA, ROK AND US ALL REPORTED THEY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH DRAFT TEXT REPORTED REFTEL B. CAMPBELL (AUSTRALIA) SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED FINAL AUTHORITY TO COSPONSOR BUT EXPECTS IT MOMENTARILY. WG AGREED THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED TO INVITE CO-SPONSORS TO SEPT 5 MEETING AT 10:30 AT USUN. WG ALSO AGREED TO BEGIN BILATERAL APPROACHES TO PROSPECTIVE CO-SPONSORS.

2. WESTON (UK) REPORTED BELGIUM REP SAID CZECHS SAID THEY CERTAIN THAT DPRK DEFINITELY WANTS RESOLUTION (VICE CONSENSUS) ON INVITATIONS QUESTION. WESTON SAID WHEEL DANES STILL WILLING TRY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS STATEMENT, NORDICS UNWILLING TABLE A RESOLUTION. WG AGREED CONTINUE EFFORTS ACHIEVE CONSENSUS STATEMENT BUT ALSO AGREED THAT IF VOTING NECESSARY THEN WE SHOULD HAVE OUR INVITATIONS RESOLUTIONS READY, HOPEFULLY OBTAINING PRIORITY. WG AGREED TO ASK CO-SPONSORS AT SEPT 5 MEETING TO AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR INVITATIONS RESOLUTION AS WELL AS OMNIBUS RESOLUTION ON SUBJ-
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STANTIVE ISSUES. INVITATIONS RESOLUTION WOULD READ
QUOTE THE FIRST COMMITTEE DECIDES TO INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ROK AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DPRK
TO TAKE PART WITHOUT RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE DISCUSSIONS OF

QUESTIONS RELATING TO KOREA. END QUOTE. ALL WG MEMBERS AGREED TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING CO-SPONSORSHIP OF THIS INVITATIONS RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO UN SEPTEMBER 7 AT SAME TIEMAS OMNIBUS RESOLUTION SUBMITTED.

3. CAMPBELL CONFIRMED UNCURK REPORT SIGNED IN SEOUL ON AUG 30. HE ASKED FOR WG OPINION ON TIMING OF PRESS RELEASE WHICH WOULD DISCUSS UNCURK RECOMMENDATIONS. WG AGREED IT ADVANTAGEIOUS IF PRESS RELEASE ON UNCURK REPORT ISSUED ON SEPT 5 AS ESSENTIAL BACKDROP FOR SEPT 5 CO-SPONSORS' MEETING. CAMPBELL AGREED TO SO RECOMMEND TO SEOUL AND CANBERRA.

4. OHTAKA (JAPAN) RAISED QUESTION OF BACKGROUND BRIEFING FRO JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE WG TO ADOPT AGREED APPROACH. HE WOULD PREFER BRIEF JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS ON SEPT 5 AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD CONFIRM THAT CO-SPONSORS MEETING HELD (WITHOUT NAMING PARTICIPANTS), ANNOUNCE THAT JAPAN, UK, US AND AUSTRALIAN WOULD BE AMONG CO-SPONSORS, AND STATE OMNIBUS RESOLUTION WOULD INCLUDE PARAGRAPHS ON UNCURK, MEMBERSHIP AND UNC. WG AGREED WG-COORDINATED PRESS HANDLING NECESSARY.

5. WG ALSO DISCUSSED DETAILED AGENDA FOR CO-SPONSORS' MEETING, REACHING TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THAT AUSTRALIAN AMB MCINTYRE, REPRESENTING UNCURK MEMBERS, WOULD EXPLAIN RESOLUTION AT MEETING AND THAT OTHER SPOKESMEN'S CHORES WOULD BE APPORTIONED AMONG OTHER WG DELS. WEDNESDAY MEETING WOULD BE POINTED TOWARD OBTAINING MAXIMUM NUMBER COMMITTED CO-SPONSORS ASAP WITH TARGET OF SUBMITTING SEPT 7 FOR CIRCULATION BY UN. IF, AS EXPECTED, SECOND CO-SPONSORS' MEETING REQUIRED BEFORE SUBMITTING TO UN, THIS WOULD BE HELD MORNING SEPT 7. WE REITERATED DEPT'S CAVEAT (STATE 172670) ABOUT FINAL REVIEW.

6. WG ALSO HELD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED TIMING FOR FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE. WHILE NONE OF WG MEMBERS HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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FIRM INSTRUCTIONS, ROK STRESSED NEED FOR MAXIMUM LOBBYING TIME AND INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR LATE NOV; UK AND AUSTRALIAN REPS INCLINED TO EARLIER DATE: JAPANESE, DECLINING TO EXPRESS PREFERENCE THEMSELVES, MENTIONED THAT PRC MIGHT PRESS TO HAVE KOREA EARLY ON AGENDA; WE FOLLOWED POPPER:BENNETT LINE REPORTED SEOUL 5797 PARA 16.

7. ACTION REQUIRED: AUTHORITY COSPONSOR INVITATIONS' RES PER PARA 2 ABOVE.
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